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Dear Professor Castle:

We have never published a specific study of Soviet water resources policy. The attached note on Soviet water resources may be of some help in your work, however. (See Enclosure A.) Soviet discussions in this field are at best very fragmentary and widely distributed over Soviet monograph and serial publications. A part of the material related to this policy falls under the Soviet "state secret" laws and is classified information available to only a few analysts in the USSR. I have, however, assembled a list of Soviet studies related to your interest which I think would give you the quickest insight into the operation and thus the method and content of Soviet policy in the field of water resources. (See Enclosure B.) Finally, I have located a list of the members of the U.S. exchange delegation on soil and water use which visited the USSR in 1958. (See Enclosure C.) You may have some mutual connection with one or more of this group which would permit you to investigate your interest with them.

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Sincerely,
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3 Enclosures (Enclosure A , "Water Resources in USSR and their Exploitation," forwarded with original only)

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